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TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

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To Interested Parties and Transmission Customers:

The Bonneville Power Administration's Transmission Business Line (TBL) plans to hold several regional workshops during June 2004 as part of its Programs In Review (PIR) public process. PIR is a pre-rate case process where all interested parties and customers are invited to discuss program levels proposed for fiscal years 2006 through 2007. The public process will provide an opportunity to discuss with TBL senior management their plans to continue to meet the primary objectives of system reliability and delivering low-cost transmission to the Northwest. TBL is inviting you to share your thoughts on the level of spending associated with these programs. Areas of focus to be discussed include:

- TBL vision and objectives - Mapping into the agency vision
 - Maintaining system reliability for an improving economy
 - Providing low-cost transmission to the Northwest
 - Increased accountability to customers and constituents
 - Heightened environmental consciousness
- Accomplishments by TBL over the last two years
 - Completed infrastructure projects
 - Improving reliability and management of a constrained system
- Challenges faced by TBL programs over the last two years
 - Cost cutting
 - Revenue shortfalls
- Proposed capital and expense levels

Please plan to attend one or more of these meetings. Dates, times and locations are as follows:

June 11, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Idaho Falls, Idaho
Idaho Falls Power Conference Room
140 S. Capital Ave.

June 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Kennewick, Wash.
Benton PUD Auditorium
2721 N. 10th Ave.

June 18, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Spokane, Wash.
Spokane Teachers Credit Union
106 W. Nora

June 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tacoma, Wash.
Tacoma Auditorium
3628 S. 35th Street

June 25, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Portland, Ore.
BPA Rates Hearing Room
911 N.E. 11th Ave.

June 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Springfield, Ore.
Springfield Utility Boardroom
250 A Street

TBL has heard that there is interest in Montana to hold a separate PIR meeting. We are looking into the possibility of scheduling a workshop for July or early August. As soon as this meeting is finalized, the information will be posted to the TBL website and a letter will be sent out in June with further details.

Additional PIR information and handouts for the meetings will be available by June 1, 2004, on the TBL website: <http://www.transmission.bpa.gov>. If you have any questions, please send them to Debbie Stout, Bonneville Power Administration, PO Box 491, Vancouver, Washington, 98666. You may also email them to tblfeedback@bpa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mark W. Maher, May3, 2004

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